

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Having exemplified the highest standards of the
2 teaching profession, Sonya Blackwell Smith of the Dunbar 6th Grade
3 Center in Fort Worth has been named an Academic Chair for Teaching
4 Excellence in English; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Smith was honored during a luncheon at the
6 Petroleum Club and received a \$5,000 honorarium for her selection
7 as the English teaching chair sponsored by Bank One; and

8 WHEREAS, Chosen by business and community leaders after
9 undergoing a rigorous selection process, recipients of this
10 prestigious honor are recognized for their dedication, innovative
11 classroom activities, and willingness to seek professional
12 development opportunities that will further improve their teaching
13 skills; and

14 WHEREAS, Created in 1994 by Tandy Corporation/Radio Shack to
15 acknowledge the expertise of area teachers in math and science, the
16 teaching chair program has expanded throughout the years as more
17 sponsors have come forward to recognize other fields of education;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Through her professional excellence and commitment,
20 Ms. Smith has shown herself to be an outstanding educator, and she
21 truly deserves special commendation from the State of Texas; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby congratulate Sonya Blackwell Smith on being selected as an

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1 Academic Chair for Teaching Excellence in English and extend to her
2 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Ms. Smith as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 48 was adopted by the House on February 12, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 48 was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor